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SUBJECT: NIMETZ/URQUHART CONVERSATION ON CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS,
APRIL 20

1. SUMMARY. COUNSELOR NIMETZ, EUR/SE DIRECTOR LEDSKY, AND USUN MISOFF MET WITH UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL URQUHART ON APRIL 20 IN NEW YORK TO DISCUSS VIENNA CYPRUS TALKS AND OUTLOOK FOR MAY RESUMPTION IN NICOSIA. URQUHART AGREED THAT UN ATTEMPT THROUGH UN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN TO REGULARIZE PRESS COVERAGE, MINIMIZING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FREEWHEELING PRESS STATEMENTS OF NEGOTIATORS. URQUHART ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANCE OF COORDINATING CLOSELY SCHEDULING AND PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF NEXT STEPS. HE AGREED THAT TERRITORIAL QUESTION HAD TO BE DISCUSSED IN NICOSIA IN MAY, PERHAPS ON BASIS OF MAP WHICH DISPLAYED GREEK TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS AND TURKISH FORWARD-DEFENSE POSITIONS. URQUHART COMMENTED THAT IDEA OF INVOLVING GUARANTOR POWERS IN TALKS AT SOME LATER STAGE DESERVED FURTHER EXPLORATION. URQUHART NOTED SYG'S REPORT ON CYPRUS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TOWARD
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END OF NEXT WEEK. HE ADDED THAT REPORTS WERE ABOUT THAT GREEK SIDE MIGHT CALL FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING LATER IN MAY AND MIGHT RAISE RUMPUS AT UNFICYP RENEWAL DEBATE IN SECURITY COUNCIL IN MID-JUNE. NIMETZ REMARKED GREEK CYPRIOTS MUST BE COUNSELED AGAINST SUCH ACTION. END SUMMARY.

2. URQUHART OPENED CONVERSATION BY NOTING THAT TURKISH

PERM REP TURKMEN CALLED ON SYG WALDHEIM APRIL 19. WALDHEIM TOLD TURKMEN HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT TURK/CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR ONAN LACKED FLEXIBILITY DURING LAST VIENNA ROUND. WALDHEIM EXPLAINED THAT SITUATION HAS TO CHANGE IF VIENNA PROCESS IS TO CONTINUE. TURKMEN COUNTERED WITH STANDARD TURKISH POSITION THAT GREEK SIDE DID NOT LIVE UP TO ITS COMMITMENT TO PRODUCE TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS BASED ON BIZONALITY.

3. URQUHART NOTED THAT VIENNA TALKS HAD ACCOMPLISHED PRESENTATIONS OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS AND THE RELAUNCHING OF NEGOTIATIONS. HE WAS NOT DISCOURAGED. URQUHART NOTED THAT TERRITORIAL ISSUE WAS IN MOST ASPECTS IN BETTER SHAPE THAN THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

4. COUNSELOR NIMETZ REMARKED THAT HANDLING OF PRESS ON CYPRUS TALKS POSED A PROBLEM. HE SUGGESTED THAT DURING NEXT ROUND IN NICOSIA ONLY UN PRESS SPOKESMAN MAKE STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS, THUS RESTRICTING THE NEGOTIATOR'S PRACTICE OF FREQUENT AND UNHELPFUL INTERVIEWS AND STATEMENTS TO NEWS MEDIA. URQUHART ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANCE OF TRYING TO ORDER NEWS COVERAGE, ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, PARTICULARLY IN NICOSIA, WHERE THERE WERE OVER 20 NEWSPAPERS, BUT INDEED THE UN WOULD MAKE A NEW EFFORT.

5. NIMETZ THEN TURNED DISCUSSION TO OUTLOOK FOR MAY ROUND AND POINTED OUT IMPORTANCE OF USG AND UN COORDINATING CLOSELY ON SCHEDULING. URQUHART TOOK POINT AND SAID PLAN NOW CALLS FOR OPENING NICOSIA ROUND ON MAY 17. URQUHART
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SAID THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION HAD TO BE DISCUSSED IF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE TO PROCEED TO TAKE UP CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE, BUT HE NOTED THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT "FOREIGN MINISTER" CHELIK HAD TOLD WALDHEIM THAT THERE WOULD BE NO REAL MOVEMENT ON TERRITORY UNTIL AFTER THE TURKISH ELECTIONS ON JUNE 5. URQUHART AGREED WITH US REP THAT PREVIOUS DISCUSSION OF TERRITORY IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGES HAD BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE AND THAT ANY FUTURE EFFORT TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION IN TERMS OF LAND OWNERSHIP WOULD BE EQUALLY UNREWARDING. THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD SIMPLY HAVE TO BE INDUCED TO HAVE SEVERAL MEETINGS IN NICOSIA DEVOTED TO THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION AND THAT THE BEST PROCEDURE MIGHT BE TO HAVE A MAP DRAWN UP INDICATING GREEK TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS AS ONE LINE AND TURKISH FORWARD-DEFENSE POSITION AS A SECOND LINE AND THEN HAVE AN AREA-BY-AREA DISCUSSION OF THE TERRITORY IN BETWEEN. URQUHART THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT A MAP WITH THESE TWO LINES MIGHT BE PRESENTED TO THE TWO NEGOTIATORS BY THE UN WHEN THE TALKS RESUME IN NICOSIA.

6. AS TO CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION, BOTH URQUHART AND NIMETZ AGREED THAT MOST OF THE EFFORT IN NICOSIA SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO SEEING IF THE DIFFERING POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES MIGHT BE BRIDGED. NIMETZ SAID THE US WOULD TRY TO HAVE TURKEY AND CYPRUS EXPAND THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS AND EXPLAIN MORE CLEARLY WHAT THEIR IDEAS WERE ON AS MANY SPECIFIC AREAS AS POSSIBLE. THE QUESTIONS WOULD BE RAISED WITH CHELIK IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 22. THE GREEK SIDE, TOO, COULD BE URGED TO PICK OUT THE FIVE OR SIX MOST CRUCIAL FUNCTIONS WHICH THEY FELT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE AND THEN WORK UP DETAILED PRESENTATIONS IN EACH OF THESE AREAS FOR PRESENTATION TO TURKISH CYPRIOTS. URQUHART AND NIMETZ AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN NICOSIA IF THE TWO PARTIES AGAIN PROCEED TO CONTINUE THEIR DISCUSSIONS OF SUCH ABSTRACT CONCEPTS AS FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, FREEDOM OF SETTLEMENT, SECRET

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AND FREEDOM OF PROPERTY.

7. URQUHART SAID THAT THE DISCUSSION HAD BEEN USEFUL AND THAT HE WOULD ADVISE DE CUELLAR TO BEGIN WORKING WITH THE TWO PARTIES IN AN EFFORT TO STRUCTURE THE TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL DISCUSSIONS ALONG THE ABOVE LINES.

8. DISCUSSION CONCLUDED WITH AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANCE OF URGING THE GREEK/CYPRIOTS NOT TO PURSUE TAKING THEIR CASE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL EITHER IN MAY OR AT THE TIME OF THE UNFICYP RENEWAL IN JUNE. URQUHART NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN RECEIVING GRATUITOUS ADVICE FROM THE GREEK SIDE ON HOW TO PHRASE THE SYG'S REPORT. HE IS PREPARING A DRAFT WHICH IS STRAIGHTFORWARD AND WITHOUT JUDGMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE VIENNA TALKS. REPORT WILL BE CIRCULATED APRIL 28 OR 29.

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